

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHELETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Friday May 20th, 2016

Attending Commissioners: Taylor Leavitt (Commission Chair), Kevin Daniels, and Mike Deaver (Commissioners), Mike Greene (Assistant Attorney General), Bill Colbert (Director) Scott Bowler (Executive Assistant) and guest AJ Garcia (Contestant), and Kevin Patton (SteelFist Promoter) .

Commission Chairman Leavitt called the meeting to order at 12:22pm at the Governor's Office of Economic Development in Room 341 "Canyonlands Conference Room."

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Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10th 2016. Commissioner Deaver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Appeal- Trever Bradshaw is appealing the suspension from a April 23rd 2016 on a U.A. violation.

Commission Chair Leavitt called for Trever Bradshaw who was not in attendance.

A.A.G. Mike Green advised that the appeal could either be dismissed or "tabled" until the next meeting as per Administrative Rule.

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to table the appeal until the next Commission meeting and Commissioner Deaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session moved to after public comments

Discussion of policy to grant Promoters License

Scott Bowler opened discussion regarding granting Promoters Licenses. Currently promoters who simply fill out an application and pay the \$250 fee are granted a promoters license with little to no review of their ability to successfully put on and successful event. It was asked of Mr. Bowler that he put together a list of ideas to help scrutinize the applicants more properly. Also, a poll is to be conducted of "similar size" commissions and results shared at the next commission meeting.

Update on "scanning project"

Mr. Bowler related that the scanning project is moving forward. The "RFQ" from "State Purchasing" is complete and the lowest bid was approx. \$8500 by the local company Digi-tech. The process is scheduled to start next week.

Discussion regarding Number of rounds for Combat Sports

Boxing regulations currently state that a minimum 30 rounds stands and a minimum of 24 rounds is required for Professional/Amateur event. There are no current standards for Mixed Martial Arts. It was stated that the "free market" will decide if a promotion is successful by purchasing tickets. Commissioner Daniels feels that sanctions should only be taken if a promotion falsely advertises number of fights/rounds. Commission Chair Leavitt asked to continue this discussion for consistency, and possible Administrative Rule change at a later date.

Continued discussion regarding Weigh In / Weight Cutting policy

The current policy states that a fighter will not be allowed to compete if he/she weighs more than 4 pounds above the contracted weight. Commission Chairman Leavitt feels that that is still a reasonable standard. Commissioner Daniels concurred but added that “if the fighter is within the 4 pound limit and both parties agree to the bout, sanctions against the fighter who missed weight should still be enforced by the commission.

Promoter Kevin Patton would like to see a fine rather than suspension of even for the Amateur fighter.

Commission Chair Leavitt directed Mr. Bowler to complete a revision to the Fight Night Protocol regarding weigh-ins and circulate that amongst the commission for review.

Financial Report

Director Colbert explained that with the Commission budget reflects a successful year. Even with the recent expenditures of increased staff (Scott Bowler) we are still well under our annual budget guidelines. The Ringside Physician/ABC Conference at the end of July will be applied to the next fiscal year's budget. The “Scanning Project” will be applied to the current years' budget.

Review of Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments:

SCHEDULED EVENTS

May 2016

Saturday – May 21, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 42 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

June 2016

Saturday – June 4, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, Fierce MMA, Carbon County Event Center, 450 South Fairgrounds Way, Price, UT – **Fierce MMA** – MMA Event.

Friday – June 24, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 43 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

July 2016

Saturday – July 9, 2016 @ 8:00 PM, FKF Boxing, Wendover Nugget, Wendover Boulevard, Wendover, UT – Boxing Event.

Saturday – July 16, 2016 @ 6:00 PM, **Imperial Boxing**, Davis Conference Center, 1651 North 700 West, Layton, UT – Boxing Event.

Friday – July 29 – August 4, 2016 – Association of Ringside Physicians and Association of Boxing Commissions Annual Conference and Training – Las Vegas, NV – No events scheduled.

August 2016

Friday – July 29 – August 4, 2016 – Association of Ringside Physicians and Association of Boxing Commissions Annual Conference and Training – Las Vegas, NV – No events scheduled.

Friday – August 12, 2016 @ 8:00 PM, Elite Fight Night 26, Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 North, 1200 West, Ogden, UT– **Elite Fight Night** – MMA Event.

Friday – August 12, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 44 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

September 2016

Saturday – September 17, 2016 @ 6:00 PM, Imperial Boxing, Davis Conference Center, 1651 North 700 West, Layton, UT – Boxing Event.

October 2016

Saturday – October 15, 2016 @ 6:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 45 (All Ages Show) , The Legacy Event Center, 151 South 1100 West, Farmington, UT – SteelFist – MMA Event.

November 2016

Saturday – November 18, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 46 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – SteelFist – MMA Event

Director's Report

Last weekend we had 2 rural events that was challenging due to the lack of officials. We are looking for new Inspectors.

Executive Assistant Bowler reminded the Commission Members who plan to attend the ABC Conference in July to respond to the email so the fee can be submitted as well as Hotel's booked.

AAG Mike Green has been approved to attend the ABC conference.

Public Comments – Open Discussion – No Action to be taken

Contestant A. J. Garcia asked about the possible rule change that was discussed back in November regarding the failed U. A. test. He was told that there was a possibility that the rule may change regarding the length of suspension due to the 1st violation was 3 years prior.

Chairman Leavitt related that no such rule change had yet been made. The commission retreat has yet to be scheduled to discuss this matter.

Promoter Kevin Patton asked the Commission why other promoters are not held to the same standard (particularly boxing) in regards to the 1 week rule for medical reports. Why would a promoter be allowed to turn in medicals after the due date? The commission explained that the Promoter in question was not only fined but a letter of reprimand will be going out and further sanctions will be levied if this action continues. Patton continued that the promoter in question hurts the sport as a whole.

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to go into closed session and Commissioner Deaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 2:22pm.

Closed session continued

Commissioner Deaver made a motion to return to session and Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 2:47pm

Commission Chair Leavitt asked to establish a date and time for the next meeting

Next meeting to be scheduled Friday June 17th 2016 at 12am at the GOED/PSUAC office 60 E, South Temple Third Floor Canyonlands Conference Room 369 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Adjourn

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Deaver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 2:53pm